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The SPECTATOR.

Habes confitentem reum. Tull.

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I Ought not to have neglected a Requeſt of one of my Correſpondents ſo long as I have; but I dare ſay I have given him Time to add Practice to Profeſſion. He ſent me ſome time ago a Bottle or two of excellent Wine to drink the Health of a Gentleman, who had by the Penny-Poſt advertiſed him of an egregious Errour in his Conduct. My Correſpondent received the Obligation from an unknown Hand with the Candour which is natural to an ingenuous Mind; and promiſes a contrary Behaviour in that Point for the future: He will offend his Monitor with no more Errours of that Kind, but thanks him for his Benevolence. This frank Carriage makes me reflect upon the amiable Atonement a Man makes in an ingenuous Acknowledgment of a Fault: All ſuch Miſcarriages as flow from Inadvertency are more than repaid by it; for Reaſon, though not concerned in the Injury, employs all its Force in the Atonement. He that ſays, He did not deſign to diſoblige you in ſuch an Action, does as much as if he ſhould tell you, That though the Circumſtance which diſpleaſed was never in his Thoughts, he has that Reſpect for you, that he is unſatisfied till it is wholly out of yours. It muſt be confeſſed, that when an Acknowledgment of an Offence is made out of Poorneſs of Spirit, and not Conviction of Heart, the Circumſtance is quite different: But in the Caſe of my Correſpondent, where both the Notice is taken and the Return made in private, the Affair begins and ends with the higheſt Grace on each Side. To make the Acknowledgment of a Fault in the higheſt Manner graceful, it is lucky when the Circumſtances of the Offender place him above any ill Conſequences from the Reſentment of the Perſon offended. A Dauphin of *France*, upon a Review of the Army, and a Command of the King to alter the Poſture of it by a March of one of the Wings, gave an improper Order to an Officer at the Head of a Brigade, who told his Highneſs, He preſumed he had not received the laſt Orders; which were to move a contrary Way. The Prince, inſtead of taking the Admonition which was delivered in a Manner that accounted for his Errour with Safety to his Underſtanding, ſhaked a Cane at the Officer; and with the Return of opprobrious Language perſiſted in his own Orders. The whole Matter came neceſſarily before the King, who commanded his Son, on Foot, to lay his right Hand on the Gentleman's Stirrup as he ſate on Horſeback in Sight of the whole Army, and aſk his Pardon. When the Prince touched his Stirrup and was going to ſpeak, the Officer, with an incredible Agility, threw himſelf on the Earth and kiſſed his Feet.

The Body is very little concerned in the Pleaſures or Sufferings of Souls truly great; and the Reparation, when an Honour was deſigned this Soldier, appeared as much too great to be born by his Gratitude, as the Injury was intolerable to his Reſentment.

When we turn our Thoughts from theſe extraordinary Occurrences into common Life, we ſee an ingenuous Kind of Behaviour not only make up for Faults committed, but in a Manner expiate them in the very Commiſſion. Thus many things wherein a Man has preſſed too far, he implicitly excuſes by owning, *This is a Treſpaſs; You'll pardon my Confidence; I am ſenſible I have no Pretention to this Favour*, and the like. But commend me to thoſe gay Fellows about Town who are directly impudent, and make up for it no otherwiſe than by calling themſelves ſuch, and exulting in it. But this ſort of Carriage, which prompts a Man againſt Rules to urge what he has a Mind to, is pardonable only when you ſue for another. When you are confident in Preference of your ſelf to others of equal Merit, every Man that loves Virtue and Modeſty ought, in Defence of thoſe Qualities, to oppoſe you: But without conſidering the Morality of the thing, let us at this Time behold only the natural Conſequence of Candour when we ſpeak of our ſelves.

The SPECTATOR writes often in an Elegant, often in an Argumentative, and often in a Sublime Stile, with equal Succeſs; but how would it hurt the reputed Author of that Paper, to own that of the moſt beautiful Pieces under his Title, he is barely the Publiſher? There is nothing but what

a Man really performs can be an Honour to him; what he takes more than he ought in the Eye of the World, he loſes in the Conviction of his own Heart; and a Man muſt loſe his Conſciouſneſs, that is, his very ſelf, before he can rejoice in any Falſhood without inward Mortification.

Who has not ſeen a very Criminal at the Bar, when his Council and Friends have done all that they could for him in vain, prevail upon the whole Aſſembly to pity him, and his Judge to recommend his Caſe to the Mercy of the Throne, without offering any thing new in his Defence, but that he whom before we wiſhed Convicted became ſo out of his own Mouth, and took upon himſelf all the Shame and Sorrow we were juſt before preparing for him? The great Oppoſition to this Kind of Candour, ariſes from the unjuſt Idea People ordinarily have of what we call an high Spirit. It is far from Greatneſs of Spirit to perſiſt in the Wrong in any Thing, nor is it a Diminution of Greatneſs of Spirit to have been in the Wrong: Perfection is not the Attribute of Man, therefore he is not degraded by the Acknowledgment of an Imperfection: But it is the Work of little Minds to imitate the Fortitude of great Spirits, on worthy Occaſions, by Obſtinacy in the Wrong. This Obſtinacy prevails ſo far upon them, that they make it extend to the defence of Faults in their very Servants. It would ſwell this Paper to too great a length, ſhould I inſert all the Quarrels and Debates which are now on Foot in this Town; where one Party, and in ſome Caſes both, is ſenſible of being on the faulty Side, and have not Spirit enough to Acknowledge it. Among the Ladies the Caſe is very common, for there are very few of them who know that it is to maintain a true and high Spirit, to throw away from it all which it ſelf diſapproves, and to ſcorn ſo pitiful a ſhame as that which diſables the Heart from acquiring a liberality of Affections and Sentiments. The candid Mind, by acknowledging and diſcarding its Faults, has Reaſon and Truth for the Foundation of all its Paſſions and Deſires, and conſequently is happy and ſimple; the diſingenuous Spirit by Indulgence of one unacknowledged Errour, is intangled with an After-Life of Guilt, Sorrow and Perplexity.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality.
For the Benefit of Mr. LEIGH.
By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre-Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 19th of May, will be preſented, A Comedy call'd, Love for Love. The Part of Ben. by Mr. Dogget, Angelica Mrs. Bradſhaw, Sir Sampſon Legend Mr. Leigh, Valentine Mr. Wilks, Scandal Mr. Booth, Tattle Mr. Cibber, Foreſight Mr. Johnſon, Trapland Mr. Norris, Jeremy Mr. Bowen, Mrs. Foreſight Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Frail Mrs. Knight, Nurſe Mrs. Wills: And the Part of Miſs Prue by Miſs Santlow. With ſeveral Entertainments of Dancing proper to the Play: To which will be added, A Farce of one Act only, call'd, The Walking-Statue, or, The Devil in the Wine-Cellar. By Her Majeſty's Command no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes. Note, That the Tickets deliver'd out for The Tender Husband, will be taken at this Play.

THE famous Water-Theatre of the late Ingenious Mr. Winſtanly is opened, where is ſhewn the greateſt Curioſities in Water-Works, the like was never performed before by any. It is ſhown for the Benefit of his Widow every Evening between 5 and 6 of the Clock. There is ſeveral new Additions, as 3 new Stages, Sea Gods and Goddeſſes, Nymphs, Mermaids, and Satyrs, all of them playing Water as ſuitable, and ſome of them Fire mingling with the Water, and the Barrel that plays ſo many Liquors is broke in pieces before the Spectators. There is a new Sea Tryumph: Containing Thirtheen Figures, all playing of Water, never ſhown before this Month, and other new Figures ſuitable to this Seaſon. Boxes 2s. 6d. Pit 2s. firſt Gallery 1s. 6. Upper Gallery 6d. It is at the Lower-end of Piccadilly, and is known by the Windmill on the Top of it.

In George-ſtreet in York-buildings, the third Houſe on the right Hand Number 3 over the Door, may be had money lent upon Jewels or Plate at reaſonable Rates. Attendance from 8 a Clock in the Morning till 2 in the Afternoon.

The Hudſon's Bay Company give Notice, That they have Divided at their (2d) Diviſion on Apprentices the Sum of 2832 l. 8s. 2d. Half Pence. And that they will Pay their (3d) Dividend on Marriages the 2d of July next. They likewiſe give Notice, That all ſuch Perſons who do not Pay their Quarterage Money, which was due on the 25th of March laſt, by Saturday the 24th of this Inſtant May, ſhall be then abſolutely Excluded. Propoſals for the Benefit of Marriages, Apprentices and Youths, are given Gratis at the Company's-Houſe in Fenchurch-ſtreet, where Attendance is given every Day from 10 till 2, and from 4 till 7, Sundays only Excepted.

On Thurſday the 5th of June next, will be expos'd to Sale by Inch of Candle, a Parcel of the beſt Batavia Arrack, Bohea and Green Tea, China Plates, &c. by the Otey Frigate. Papers of the Sale will be deliver'd at the Out-Roper's Office, and will be ſhewn from Monday the 2d of June, till the Day of Sale.

Loſt, ſuppos'd to be Dropt the 12th of April laſt, a Black Shagreen Pocket Book bound with Silver, without a Pencil, in or about Chancery-Lane, with two Bills in it, and ſeveral Memorandums of no uſe to any but the Owner. Whoever brings it to Mr. James Swan at the Rolle's Coffee-houſe in Chancery-Lane, ſhall have a Guinea Reward.

A Houſe to be Lett for the Summer, at Coney-Hutch near Finchly Common, 3 Rooms of a floor well furniſhed, a Garden, Orchard, Stable, and other Conveniencies. Inquire at Mr. John Sleath at the place aforeſaid.

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In a Cellar under Mr. Hanborow's in Buskler's-Bury near Cheapſide, is continued to be ſold by Retale a Parcel of choice old French Brandy, of a curious Taſte and Flavour, at 10 s. per Gallon. Any Perſon taking 10 Gallons or upwards, ſhall have it for 9 s. and 6 d. per Gallon. There is likewiſe in the ſame Cellar to be ſold by Retale, a Parcel of choice old red Galick Wines, of laſt Years Growth, neat as they came from the Grape, at 4 s. per Gallon.

To be Sold by AUCTION.

Mr. Mars his Curious Collection of Original Pictures, lately brought by him from beyond Sea, of ſeveral Excellent Maſters, Viz. Peter De Cortone, Viviano, Bamboots, Vande exbell, Velvet Brugell, Bercham, Wovverman, Wenix Suyders, Steerwick, Deneff, Fran. Halls, Savory, Old Wyck, Simon Varelſt, Jourdan, and ſeveral other Maſters; at the Dwelling Houſe of the late Mr. Dubois at the Corner of the Little Piazza in Ruſſel-ſtreet Covent-Garden, on Friday next the 23d of this Inſtant May; where the Pictures may be ſeen to Morrow, Wenſday and Thurſday before the Day of Sale, and Catalogues may be had Gratis. The Sale begins exactly at 11 a Clock.

Juſt Publiſh'd the Third and laſt Part of,

The Hiſtory of Prince Mirabel's Infancy, Riſe and Diſgrace, with the ſudden Promotion of Novicius, &c. Price 1 s. Sold by J. Baker in Pater-Noſter-Row, where may be had the two firſt Parts. Price 1 s. each; and Reaſons for the Clergy's being imploy'd in the Government, &c. Price 6 d. The Impoſſibility of Witchcraft, &c. Price 6 d. A full Confutation of Witchcraft, &c. By another Author, Price 6 d. The Triumph of Envy, or, The Viſion of Shilock the Jew, Price 6 d.

An Infallible Cure for the Stone and Gravel, whether in the Reins or Bladder, by an incomparable Chymical Liquor, which in the moſt Racking Fits, gives inſtant eaſe, and Perfectly frees the Patient from all Pains in the Back, and thoſe Pains ſo much like the Cholick; dilates the Ureters, makes them ſlippery that ſmall Stones and Gravel may paſs from the Reins to be voided viſibly with Urine, without pain; cleanſes the Kidneys, Bladder, and all the Urinary Paſſages from ſlimy calculous Matter, certainly takes off all Heat, Pain, and ſtoppage of Urine, and abſolutely breaks and diſſolves all large Stones (poſſible to be diſſolv'd) whether in Kidneys or Bladder, ſo as entirely to Cure the Diſtemper; aſſuredly prevents the Stone in thoſe that are troubled only with Gravel, and for all Diſorders of the Reins and Bladder, is a ſtupendious Remedy, cauſing delightful Eaſe, pleaſant Reſt and perfect Health. Is ſold only at Jacob's Coffee-houſe againſt the Angel and Crown Tavern in Threadneedle-ſtreet behind the Royal Exchange, at 3 s. 6 d. a Bottle with Directions.

The moſt incomparable Compoſition in the World of Necklaces for Childrens Teeth, which for cauſing them to cut and breed free and eaſy, without the leaſt Manner of Pain, it has not its equal in the Univerſe; immediately takes away all the Symptoms, though never ſo deſparate, as Burnings, Feavers, Convulſions, Looſeneſs, eſpecially removes the Water in the Head, certainly ſtrengthening the Neck when weak, perfectly keeps them from the Rickets: Its admirable Efficacy in all the above-mentioned Diſeaſes has been experienced above a thouſand Times, and very juſtly cauſes it to be eſteemed the moſt beneficial Necklaces in the World. Sold only, to prevent Counterfeits, at Mr. Payn's, Toy-ſhop, at the Angel and Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, at 1 s. 6 d. a Necklace.

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